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Candidate Selection Committee
Commissioner of Political Practices
c/o Susan Fox, Executive Director
Montana Legislative Council
Helena, Montana

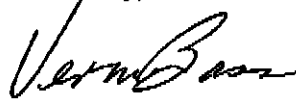
Dear Members of the Committee:

I hereby submit my application for the position of Commissioner of Political Practices. My brief resume of one page is attached for your review. Should more detail be needed I would be glad to furnish it, either in writing, on the telephone, or in person.

For the last year I have been building my own insurance business affiliated with Bankers Life and Casualty Company of Chicago. My brief foray into the political world was to run in the primary in 2000 for Public Service Commissioner and to work as an employee in a targeted state for the 2004 John Kerry presidential campaign. When combined with my previous campaign management in legislative races, my experience has given me a pretty good grasp of the political world.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss my philosophy of political practices and its practical application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vern Bass", written in a cursive style.

Vern Bass

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OBJECTIVE	Commissioner of Political Practices
KNOWLEDGE	Public Policy, Public Administration, Research Techniques, Sociology, International Relations, Geography, Statistics, Social Planning, Business Administration, Public Health, Population, Economics, Anthropology, Human Ecology, Human Biology
SKILLS	Analysis, Writing, Speaking, Teaching, Negotiating, Evaluating, Coordinating, Budgeting, Liaison, Adminstrating, Interviewing
PUBLIC POLICY & RESEARCH	Twenty-year federal career as a policy analyst. Experience included the quality and productivity of management systems, changing organizational cultures, strategic and tactical planning, purchasing, and financial policy. Also worked at the city-level on macro policy implications and citizen attitudes, at the county-level on job development, and was a university professor of sociology.
SALES & FUNDRAISING	Have sold both tangible and intangible products to diverse clients. Products have included consulting services, books, nutrition, cars, advertising, leadership/management courses, subscriptions, life/health/accident insurance, and hope chest items. Fundraising has been for political campaigns, museums, advertising and training professional associations, United Way, Lions and Jaycees.
POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS	Crowd and logistics coordinator for Kerry for President campaign. Campaign manager for two Montana House campaigns and one New York Senate campaign. Ran for Montana State Public Service Commission and local government charter review commission. Recruited candidates in legislative races for ten years.
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES	Health care reform advocate, Conservation Roundtable member, political campaign drives, Gov's task force, and citizen lobbyist. Served on boards of directors for historical preservation, museums, a clean water initiative, advertising federation, city adjustment and training.
WORK HISTORY	Bankers Life and Casualty, U. S. Government Civil Service Interior, Agriculture, Army, Navy, and Air Force. Baltimore City, Madison County, Towson State University, and Int'l Demographic Statistics Ctr.
EDUCATION	Postgraduate (Social Science & Business) (ABD) Syracuse Univ. Postgraduate (Public Health & Population) Johns Hopkins Univ. MA (Social Science, Sociology, Urban Affairs) Syracuse Univ. BA (Sociology, Asian Studies) Saint Olaf College, Northfield, MN